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For: **METHOD OF DETECTING AND REMOVING UNSTRIPPED RESIDUAL SHELL LEFT ON SHELLFISH, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

July 1, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements of Application dated **May 7, 2002**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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In the event that this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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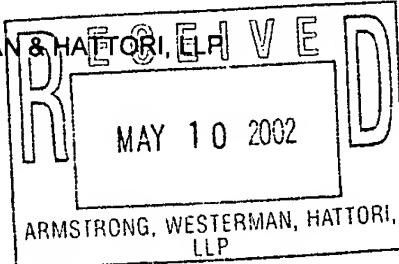


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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